

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB BULLETIN



April 2006



How are you at Shadow Puppets?

You may find out at the next meeting.....



Join us at
The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd
Wednesday April 26, 2006
- Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M



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The Prez. Speaks

Jim W6YI

The WPX contest brought us all a surprise with how many stations were about even with a sunspot number of 70 at the beginning of the contest. There were definitely some slow times and bands like 10 meters that had very limited openings. Congratulations to Terry, N6CW who turned in a great single op all band score from K6NA's QTH.

The low bands are starting to be visited by static crashes. However, there are still a few goodies to be found. Two of the WARC bands especially Seventeen meters continue to provide something new to chase. When you have worked the new ones, do not forget to post your country, mode and zone totals on the club web site.

Congratulations to Chris, KU6A who has been active on the bands both during contests and a lot of other times resulting in his winning the SDDXC Rookie of the year, listed on the DXCC list and becoming a full fledged SDDXC member.

The club has several other dx honors and awards. They include The SDDXC Hall of fame, the Dxer of the year, the Big Gun and Top Gun awards. Nominations for The Hall of Fame and DX'ER of the year can be made at any time to the Awards Committee, which is the Board of Directors. The criteria for these awards will be on the web site soon, handouts will be available at the April meeting and the following is a brief description of each award.

The Hall of Fame is a permanent and perpetual recognition of a members lifetime achievements. This award may be given once per year at an induction ceremony during the holiday meeting. Previous awardees include W6BZE, W6PT and W6KUT.

The Dxer of the year award is recognition of a member's achievements during the calendar year. This award is given once per year at either Visalia or at the holiday meeting.

The Big Gun award goes to each member who has worked enough countries to qualify for the Mixed DXCC honor roll. It is given only once to a member.

SDDXC "Top Gun" award certificate is bestowed on any member who has worked every country on a DXCC countries list that was current at the time of the achievement. This award is only given once to a member.

Jim, K6Zh "volunteered" to head up the Club 2006 election committee. Please contact him or anyone on the board if you would like to nominate someone or become a club officer yourself.

The club roster will be updated soon. Please send Harry, W6YOO an e-mail if you have a new address, telephone number or do not want your telephone number published. The completed list will handed out at a future club meeting to members just as the club has done in the past.

Visalia is April 20, 21 and 22nd with many going before for an early start and golf on Friday. Hope to see you all there!

Our next club meeting is Wednesday, April 26. Come tell about everyone your fun at the convention.

Everyone keep the radio on to work the VU4 and S01R, have a good month and remember....



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San Diego DX Club Policy on content of

DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of DXing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 31, 2006



Balance as of Feb. 28, 20006:\$1,760.26

Income:

Regular Dues: 30.00

TOTAL: 30.00

Expenses: None

Balance as of Mar 31, 2006: \$1,790.26

Petty Cash on Hand: 20.00

Total Checking/Petty Cash: \$1,810.26

MEETING MINUTES

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive and Murphy Canyon Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jim, W6YI. There were 33 members and guests present.

Introduced as guests were Bob, WA4CHI and Nick, KF6JDB.

John presented the Top Ten for 30 meters: W6YA at 316 and 15 meters with W6EUF at 339.

It was announced that the W6YI team scored First Place in the US for the ARRL Sweepstakes (SSB) contest. The upcoming CQ WW WPX contest was discussed.

The current status of the modification of San Diego City antenna ordinances was discussed and it appears that, for the moment, proposals for change have been tabled until 2007.

It was announced that the M/S CQP team was awarded First Place in county DXpeditions.

President Jim reminded all that Visalia was coming up and asked for volunteers to assist in registration and other tasks. Volunteers for the SDDXC Field Day effort were also solicited.

Nothing new on the BPL front was reported.

John, K6AM presented the "Rookie of the Year" award to Cris Salanga, KU6A.

Jim, K6ZH, was appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee which will select candidates for club officer positions for the 2006-2007 club year.

The program for the evening was presented by Bob Grimmick, N6OX, one of the Peter I Island operators. Getting there is the story! What great photographs and the narrative of how it was to journey to the edge of the world kept us all enthralled. Thanks to the 3Y0X team!

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry A. Hodges W6YOO
Secretary/Treasurer

SDDXC Top Ten!

John Barcroft K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 30 METERS

4/06	4/05	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
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1.	1.	W6YA	40	?	?	316	-
2.	2.	K6AM		305	308	312	+2
3.	3.	N6ND	40	137	137	305	+3
4.	4.	W6KUT	40	266	266	295	-
5.	5.	K6TQ	39	293	293	293	-
6.	7.	N6CW	37	?	179	268	+14
7.	6.	N6AW	40	248	249	260	-
8.	8.	N7CW	37	136	136	234	+7
9.	9.	K6ZH	33	176	176	212	-
10.	10.	K6XT	35	?	?	194	-

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 15 METERS

4/06	4/05	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
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1.	1.	W6EUF		318	333	339	-
2.	2.	N6ND	40	258	267	337	-
3.	3.	N6CW	40	?	324	336	+1
4.	4.	N6AW	40	318	334	334	-
5.	5.	K6AM		327	333	334	+1
6.	6.	W6KUT	40	297	324	333	-
7.	7.	W6SHY	40	305	309	321	-
8.	8.	W6YOO	40	311	315	315	-
9.	9.	N7CW	40	249	249	305	+2
10.	10.	K6TQ	40	294	294	294	-

The bottom of the sunspot cycle is not a problem for 30 meter enthusiasts. If anything, the band gets better as DX'ers the world over search for any frequency with long haul propagation. If you haven't yet, give 30 a try. Remember, new ones sometimes don't stay long on 30, nor do they always get spotted. You just gotta camp out at the bottom of the band and lay in wait. The recent expeditions woke up 15 meters for a moment in the middle of the nighttime portion of the cycle, but like most of us who get up in the middle of the night, it went right back to sleep.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, the other WARC bands, 160 and RTTY. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

Goodbye to members who have not renewed for 2006!!

W6CCM, K6DLV, K6EX, K6ICG, KI6IM, WB6NBU, K9RHY, KM1V, N6XQ

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